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THE FIDDLER OF KENSINGTON.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

BY DR. B. F. CHATHAM.

Brakenbury.—
"Why looks your grace so heavily to-day?"

Clarence.—
"Oh! I have passed a miserable night,
So full of fearful dreams, of ugly sights,
That, as I am a Christian faithful man,
I would not spend another such a night,
Though 'twere to buy a world of happy days;
So full of dismal terror was the time."

Brakenbury.—
"What was your dream, my lord? I pray you tell me."—SHAKESPEARE.
"Have mercy, Jesu!—Soft: I did but dream."
—IBID.

The old bell of St. Augustine had just finished tolling the hour of twelve, on an extremely cold and stormy Saturday night in the latter part of the month of December, as Carl Stofhell sprang from the steps at the stage door of a well-known theatre in the "city of brotherly love." His avocation was that of a violinist; and he had that night completed a successful engagement at the above mentioned play-house Webers's celebrated opera, "Der Freyschutz," had enjoyed a most admirable run and the well-known musical talents of our hero had won for him, in his execution of the sublime music in that magnificent opera, unbounded applause and (which to him was still better) a goodly purse of gold.

A sharp and drizzling rain, congealing as it fell, had clothed the streets with a heavy mantle of ice, and as the sleet whisked and pattered in his face, it tended only to augment his anxiety and accelerate his footsteps to reach his home, there to quaff a mug of beer, enjoy a meerschaum and then retire to rest.

Under his left arm, closely enveloped in a green baize bag, he carried his violin and some manuscript music, whilst his right hand grasped a stout cane or cudgel to assist his weary legs in transporting their cumbrous burden to the extreme upper limits of the district of Kensington. Had you been near him, indulgent reader, you might have heard a certain jingling tone by no means discordant to a musical ear and which indicated the whereabouts of a bag of "shiners," the same having been carefully deposited by him in a spacious repository in the anterior portion of his roomy breeches. As our honest Stofphell blundered along the slippery footway he inwardly congratulated himself on his brilliant success with feelings evidently other than those of disappointment and sorrow. He possessed that talismanic charm which hath the power to dispel many a threatening cloud, to avert numberless ills, to quicken drooping spirits and to revive the despairing and fallen. And what is it that money cannot do? It can carry joy and comfort to thousands of poor famishing wretches in this plentiful world of ours if converted into bread; it can scatter the manifold blessings of life and diffuse a moral sunshine among the degraded millions of our race, and cause perpetual joy and gratitude to bloom where ignorance, pain and wretchedness have ever dwelt, in the mud-walled hovel, the humble cottage of the widow and her fatherless children, in the beautiful country or the glaring city; and yet its boasted omnipotence cannot bring relief to an aching heart, nor consolation and peace to a bosom wrung by the scathing agonies of remorse. But I am digressing.

Having arrived at his dwelling, Stofphell entered, built a roaring fire in his huge ten-plate stove, drew his mug of beer, lit his pipe, and seating himself in his old arm-chair, reclined backwards most cosily, evidently a philosopher and a happy man. His spouse, choosing rather to slumber than to await the appearing of her lord, had long before courted old Morpheus, and the drowsy god was giving indubitable evidences of her successful wooing by the sonorous cadences which issued from her olfactory protuberance.

"Humph!" ejaculated Stofphell, as he sipped his beer and half turned his head in the direction whence proceeded the above mentioned nasal vibrations,

"Forte, eh?" "Quite a tenor, eh?" "Fortissimo?" "That sounds bravely." "Allegro!" "now, A Tempo,"—"sleep away Katy, frow, and when I have despatched my 'Pepper' and smoked my 'meerschaum' I'll join ye in the 'ever-to-[illegible] Syncopate!'"—and Carl threw himself back again in his chair, chuckling with infinite delight, whilst thick volumes of [illegible] from the huge [illegible] pipe, curled gracefully into light ascending columns above his head. The blazing fagots snapped and cracked merrily in the glowing stove, and the flickering light, struggling and streaming faintly through crack and crevice, imaged characters on the walls that danced and skipped in death-like silence, appearing dimly for a moment and then disappearing like phantoms or dismembered ghosts gliding about on midnight errands from the charnel.

Our hero had laid upon a table and near his left elbow, his bag of money and his violin; and, as he quaffed his favorite beverage and drew the long puffs from his reeking pipe, he indulged in the most delectable cogitations. Whilst, in the plenitude of his enjoyment he was thus meditating and musing on themes no less easy than useless for us to describe, when a thundering rap at the door, through which but a short time before he had entered from the street, roused him from his reveries, much to his own discomfiture and well nigh dangerous to the stability of the door.

"Who's there?" asked Carl almost breathless with fear, but still striving to screw his courage up to the "sticking point."

"A friend!" replied the intruder.

"And what does he want?" pursued Carl, regaining in a measure his gravity and composure.

"Admittance," returned the stranger.

"It's too late!—besides I'm abed!" replied Carl, chuckling at the possible mistake he had made "accidentally on purpose," or at the absence of truth in his reply.

"Then you must get up," remarked the *incog.* "I must come in."

Now Carl undoubtedly thought this an act of avowed hostility to be thus disturbed, in his own house, too, and at an hour so unseasonable, but if such were his meditations, they were quickly interrupted by the harsh voice of his midnight visitor, which thundered forth—

"I say, d'ye hear?—I must come in!"

"You cannot, indeed," returned Carl.

"I must," reiterated the stranger.

"You shall not," replied Carl, stammering and shivering from head to foot.

"I will!" said the visitor, and, suiting the action to the words, the unwelcome interloper unceremoniously pushed aside the door and, in a twinkling, stood before our terrified Dutchman.

The first impulse of Carl was to knock down his audacious guest with a shovel which he flourished above his head, but the instrument was quickly wrenched from his grasp by a powerful hand which hurled it rattling and clattering over the icy pavement outside the door, whilst with the first two fingers of his left hand the strange visitor led his trembling host by the nasal promontory, submissively as a lamb, to a distant corner of the room, in which stood a three-cornered stool, and upon which he perched our hero.

On being released from the vise-like grasp of the stranger, Carl looked around in astounding amazement, and almost stupefied with terror and alarm. He could not utter a syllable as, panic-stricken, he beheld the stranger pick up his bag of gold and place it again on the table nearer to his person. Then pitching the violin to his prisoner who unconsciously caught it in the perilous flight, he seated himself in the same chair in which Carl was so pleasantly ensconced when aroused by the midnight intruder.

Carl gave one glance at his jailor and timidly ventured further to take a slight survey of his exterior. He was a Brobdignag in size and stature. A cap somewhat grotesque in shape and dimensions and of enormous latitude, surmounted his head, and a pair of monstrous boots, the legs of which completely encased his nether extremities, concealed his feet. He wore a frock-coat of buffalo hide with the hair on. The color of this coat was inky black and the hideous garment was buttoned tightly up to the chin, around which, from ear to ear, extended a forest of huge whiskers, which, with a formidable moustache and all as pitchy in blackness as the coat he wore, masked a mouth of cavernous magnitude and bristling with ivory that would have become the ruby, pouting tumefactions of any "American citizen of African descent." An almost impenetrable avalanche of uncombed, raven hair tumbled from his head in hirsute billows, over his shoulders and face, and through which gleamed a pair of ogre eyes like the lustrous planets of some southern constelation peering through the ragged interstices of angry clouds gathering their squadrons in wrath for a midnight hurricane in the tropics.

As the distinguished visitor plumped himself into the chair, he laid down beside him on the floor, a long, three-pronged pitchfork; then leaning composedly backward, he addressed Carl, who, as before stated, was perched upon his three-legged rostrum, pretty nearly stunned with terror.

"Play us a tune, old boy!"

Whether it was a disinclination to obey this command, or whether fear and terror had paralyzed the sense of hearing, we do not pretend to elect, but another summons, like a blast from a brazen throat—"Old boy, d'ye hear? I say play away!"—brought a response from the victim.

"I—I—I can't. I don't want to."

"You must."

"It's too late."

Then you must begin the sooner; come, play away."

"I cannot, indeed; besides, its Christmas morn and on Sunday, too."

"That's no reason for me! Come d'ye hear? begin, I say—Allegro, ma non presto—out with it," and leaning forward he snatched up his fork in an attitude of hostility, the prongs of the tripod glistening and glimmering like the sheen of burnished silver.

This offensive movement had its effect upon Carl, and in a small measure regaining fortitude and composure, he tremblingly enquired who the stranger might be.

"I am His Satanic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the regions of Pluto to Earth, and my grand mission in calling upon you is to inspect your skill in performing upon that instrument, for my Imperial Master desires to employ you as chief musician in his kingdom. Besides, the weather outside is sadly at variance with the warm receptions we practice in our dominions. Come, play us a tune."

The perspiration oozed and issued from every pore in poor Carl's skin, and his hair shot up on end, "like quills upon the fretted porcupine," at the mere idea of becoming, and at so short notice, a citizen of another world, so fearful and uncomfortable. But what could he do? Mounted upon a stool, in a remote corner of the room, with no instruments of defence but his violin and bow, in the power of a demon he never before saw, heard or even dreamed of, and that villainous tormenter armed with a weapon so formidable that its very glisten chilled and curdled his very blood. What a dilemma! If he attempted resistance, it must be evident beyond a doubt that he would be overpowered and perhaps be deprived of his life. If he made a noise or attempted to alarm the neighborhood, or called to his "better half," who was still snoozing, unconscious of what was befalling her unfortunate partner, he would most assuredly be transfixed or impaled, or pinned to the wall like a beetle, by no means an enviable position when, upon reflection, it is discovered it would be done with a murderous pitchfork.

This chain of reasoning induced him to believe that resistance would be hazardous in the extreme: he would try expostulation, and he was just emerging from this mental reverie, and upon the point of broaching the argument, when the stentorian voice of his visitor again impinged upon his tympannum,—"Play us a tune, old boy! come, give us *L'or est une chimere*, of Meyerbeer, from Robert—*Non trappo, presto*; now!"

"It will not do!—indeed it will not do!—it is too late, and I am——

"Cannot help it, you must begin, now, *Grazioso, pizzicato*, begin I say!"

Carl was about to reply, but he soon found all expostulation would be in vain. His auditor would listen to no argument whatever. Immediate submission he imperatively demanded. Any movement *ad libitum* was out of the question. He was partial to *Solos*, and decidedly averse to *Duetts, Trios and Quintetts*. A flourish of the three-pronged instrument, the metal of which flashed before the light of the candle, impressed the truth of these remarks upon Carl's mind, and when he observed, too, that his gold which, to him, was infinitely more precious than any other possession, he thought it wisest and best to submit. To him, the atmosphere of the room smelled strongly sulphurous, a stream of phosphorescent light issued from the mouth of the Tartarian Ambassador, and vivid coruscations of flame were emitted from his meteor-like eyes. Almost petrified with fear, and apparently unconscious of the movement, Carl drew his bow across the viol and the exquisite and charming melody of the Swiss Shepherd's *Ranz de Vache*, of Barnett, burst in thrilling cadences on the air. The old room rang with the music, and Carl had not more than fairly got under way, when he was abruptly cut short and stopped by his inspector, with:—

"That is not what I called for! Give us 'Robert le diable!'"

"I don't know it," replied Carl.

"You played it this very night." returned the stranger, flourishing the glistening trident above his head.

This argument was conclusive, and again the music streamed forth.

"Bravo! bravo! old boy, I say bravo! *Soto voce dulce*,—you play admirably.—Now then—*Da Capo*, and Carl performed the passage over and over again to the infinite delight of his visitor, who passively, yet with interest, listened until the music ceased, at the same time beating the accents with his foot upon the floor.

"Now then for *Non Piu Andrai*, come *Maestoso*, play away, old boy! *Ma non troppo*!"

Carl, knowing the inutility of either complaint or expostulation, ran over that sublime production of Mozart with a gracefulness and skill not easily to be surpassed.

The least lag or falter in the performance at the close of a passage, was quickly noticed, and many were the times his ears were saluted with:—

"Play away, old boy, play away!"

Several pieces were played over in this manner. The old clock which stood in a corner of the room opposite to that in which Carl was seated, had long since told the hour of two, and Carl, weak and tired and sleepy, ventured to rest his aching arms by laying his instrument on his lap and allowing his arms to droop by his side, but the music had no sooner discontinued than his singular visitor again broke forth with:—

"Play away, old boy, play away! Give us *Nel furor delle tempeste* from *Il Pirata*, Play away, old boy, play away! *Con Espress*,—that goes bravely, *Pia*, there, now then, *Forte*—away with it," thundered out the stranger, as Carl, terrified and frightened as a March hare, again commenced drawing his bow. Again the music pealed forth, and again the stranger thumped upon the floor. Poor Carl felt his strength fast leaving him: his weary arms refused to perform their onerous task, and his fingers were worn to the quick by the unceasing pressure upon the strings. What was he to do? If, for a single moment, he paused or flagged in his performance, his ears were immediately stunned with the eternal thunder of—

"Play away, old boy, play away!"

His eyes felt as though heavy weights were suspended from their lids, and, in spite of his terror and his utmost efforts to banish sleep, he found it a task extremely difficult to accomplish. The powers of the mind and body may be tasked to a great degree beyond the ordinary amount of labor, fatigue and suffering which are required of them, but the necessary relaxation and rest *must* be indulged, in order to afford the organs whose duty it is to labor and execute the purposes for which they are designed, opportunity to recruit and recuperate for the performance of future duties.

And so it was with Carl. The arduous duties of his professional engagement at the opera, protracted to a late hour of the night, had well nigh worn him down with exertion and fatigue, and being wet and cold from exposure to the storm in returning from the theatre to his home, his condition, mentally and physically, can better be imagined than described.

Suddenly, the arm which held the bow, fell upon his lap, the other, the fingers of which were nearly paralyzed by their unceasing efforts to minister to the capricious whim of the mysterious stranger, slowly but gradually decended to the level with its fellow, and Carl's head, faithfully obedient to the laws of gravitation, sank upon his bosom, whilst a long drawn *Chromatic* issued from his facial probosics—*Non cantabille, nona dolce*.

This change in the programme roused the stranger from a nap in which he had been indulging during Carl's execution of the last *Caprioso*, and again the awful *Rondo* broke forth like a thunder-peal upon his ears—

"Play away, old boy, play away!—*Volti subito*—now then for *Tu bedrai la Sventurata, Piano-forte*—away with her, old boy!"

This summons completely aroused Carl, *pro tempore*, and he was again about to remonstrate at the outrage; but his tormentor produced arguments so *pointed* and *brilliant* in the shape of the flashing tripod, that Carl was obliged to have recourse again to his bow and string.

Again the music was heard, but it became evident, from the unskilful manner in which it was performed, that the poor fiddler was completely worn out. And yet the fearful ejaculation—"play away, old boy, play away!" burst upon his ears and the glistening steel shimmered before his eyes.

But sleep once more returned to the eyes of the grisly stranger, and Carl, after again watching and waiting until the same sounds escaped from the nostrils of the mysterious visitor, which he had heard a little while before, again ventured to halt at the close of a repeated strain: but no sooner had the music ceased, than again the eternal thunder—"play away, old boy, play away!" saluted his ears and the shining steel flashed before his face. It was *too* bad, to be pinioned to his stool like Prometheus to his rock, and in his own house and castle too. But what then? He could accomplish nothing in the way of offence or defense. This was clear. Ha! *quid nunc*, he struck an idea! He would, by an extraordinary exhibition of his power and skill, lull and soothe his villainous jailer into a profound slumber, and then, by a *coup de main*, reach the door, dash into the street and alarm the *watch*. He would then enjoy his revenge. He would have his merciless persecutor arrested and committed, and, what was best of all, he would recover his money. These reflections brought renewed strength to Carl's limbs and shook the leaden weights from his eye-lids; and, flourishing his bow in graceful curves, the charming little *canzonetta* of Vivat Bacchus greeted the ears of the stranger.

"Play away, old boy, play away!" vociferated he, *Poco Allegro*,—Now give us the Hunter's Chorus from Der Freyschutz: you played it admirably in the opera. Now then—*spirituoso*—and away with it! and no sooner were the words uttered than the chorus immediately followed.

In a few moments the mysterious stranger snored loudly. The old clock ticked away with a monotonous *staccato*, and the kettle on the stove had ceased its hissing. The fire had burned out, the old ten-plate stove and the atmosphere in all the room was chilly and freezing as that of Greenland; and the candle, which was burning when our story commenced, had long since made its exit after sputtering and glimmering in its socket for a quarter of an hour, like life when about being swallowed up in death.

The moon had arisen (the storm in the meantime having passed over) and shed a ghostly glare across the room, whilst without, the temperature had descended several degrees below zero. It was most intensely cold, but so completely was Carl now engrossed with the problem of his escape, that, although benumbed, he scarcely felt that he was even chilly.

The snoring of the stranger now became louder and deeper, and Carl was upon the very point of leaping through the door, when, *snap*, went the treble string of his Cremona.

This produced a temporary cessation of snoring, and the hateful words—"play away, old boy, play away!" were only gently given from the lips of the ambassador, whilst the light of the moon revealed but a very slight motion imparted to the still more hated trident. The suspension of the music was but momentary. Carl did not even wait to arrange his broken string, but touching sweetly on a plaintive *aria* in the melodic scale of a minor key, he soon succeeded in luring his jailer into a most profound and stertorus slumber.

A single bound brought him to the door; his hand was on the latch: the door flew open: and, as he sprang from the marble door sill, a slight puncture in the region of the gluter muscles, sent the blood curdling through his veins, and the everlasting canto of—"play away, old boy, play away, I say!" broke like a peal of artillery on his ears. Away he flew, like an arrow from the bow, up one street and down another, the buffalo-clad minister of the infernal regions close upon his heels and flourishing the glittering trident about his head, whilst at every curb-stone and at every corner, the eternal clang of—"play away, old boy, play away!" rang out upon the frigid atmosphere.

The pavements were as glib as glass; but extreme terror added celerity to the movements of the pursued fugitive; and, although nearly stiff with cold, his locomotive achievements upon this occasion, far eclipsed the feats of "ground and lofty tumbling" ever exhibited by a professed pedestrian, or the nimblest clown of a London circus.

Away they darted, Carl knew not whither—the hoarse *solo*—"play away, old boy, play away!" vibrating momentarily upon the frigid air, and the occasional visits of the tripod to Carl's posteriors, imparting yet faster rapidity to his speed.

Street after street had thus been traversed (no succor being found) until the panting hero arrived at the back of a miserable edifice supposed to be near the central part of the city, the doors of which stood widely open.

Swift as a grey-hound he sprang through the lofty corridor, mounted the spacious stairway that led to the belfry in the towering steeple, and, in a twinkling, stood under the huge engine, which thundered forth the hour of four, as the clarion of the pursuing stranger chimed in the *recitation*—"play away, old boy, play away!—*Con furia, tempo giusto!*"

The bell had scarcely ceased tolling, when Carl, bewildered, out of his senses and almost dead, found himself suspended by the chin, from the extreme verge of the central prong of the "pitch-fork" which his tormentor carried—with an immense distance of cold, clear blue air between him and the earth—his feet and legs dangling in the void and his cruel, merciless executor laughing with hideous and demoniac delight at the ludicrous but fearful spectacle. Presently the instrument was suddenly snatched from his chin, and, fainting with the loss of blood, he was precipitated through immeasurable space—a projecting object caught his dying vision—he convulsively clutched at it—he caught it—and, clinging to it with a death-like tenacity, *He Awoke!* but instead of clinging to the venerable walls of the *Hall of Independence*, he was warmly, lovingly and uxoriously clasping the rocking body of his sleeping, faithful and devoted spouse.

The Original Rothschild.

William IX., the Landgrave of Hesse (as elector he subsequently adopted the title of William I.) chose Rothschild as his banker, and laid the basis of the latter's wealth. William was a depositor worth having, albeit his riches had not come to him or rather his father, in the most honorable way. It was his father, the Landgrave Frederic II., who furnished George III. with seventeen thousand Hessians to fight against our colonial ancestors in consideration of $20,000,000. This vast sum, backed by as much more, Frederic left to his successor, who put it all into the hands of the cunning knight of the Red Shield. Frankfort was amazed at this step. The famous bankers could not understand why William should pass them by, and repose his entire trust in a banker comparatively unknown.

The cause was this. Baron Estoff, while adjutant-general to Duke Ferdinand in the Seven Years War, became very intimate with Frederic and William. He also learned much of the shrewdness, sagacity, and trustworthiness of Rothschild when the latter was in the employ of Oppenheim, the baron's banker, and strongly recommended Mayer to the landgrave as an eminently proper person to leave money with. In consequence of such recommendation Mayer visited the palace of the prince in Cassel, and found him playing chess with the baron. Too tactful to interrupt the game, he stood behind the landgrave's chair, and held his peace, a mark of sense and sympathy which no sincere chess-player could fail to appreciate.

The game was going against William, who felt a deeper interest in it on that account. After a long pause, uncertain what move to make next, he suddenly turned to the banker with the question,

"Do you understand chess?"

Rothschild, who had been closely watching the board from his entrance, returned this diplomatic reply:

"Sufficiently well, your serene highness to induce me, were the game mine, to castle on the king's side."

That was a master-stroke: it turned defeat to victory, and so delighted the prince that he put his hand on his adviser's shoulder saying: "You are a wise man. He who can extricate a chess-player from such a difficulty as I was in must have a very clear head for business." He then talked for some time with the visitor, and appointed another interview for the next day.

After the banker had gone he extolled the baron that Rothschild understood affairs like Frederic the Great, and that a man with such a brain must be capable of taking care of other persons' money.

Knowledge of the game [illegible] charmed Haroun-al-Raschid; [illegible] and Charlemagne [illegible] lucrative advantage. The [illegible] secured to the banker the sum of [illegible] 000 and [illegible] [illegible] James Rowe Thompson, [illegible] zine for January.

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...ellaneous.

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THE VIRGINIUS SURRENDERED.—On ... to demand the Spanish Minis... Washington, Admiral Polo, official... ...ommunicated to the Government at Wash... ...ation that the Virginius was formally ...rendered to the U. S. steamer Despatch ... Rinaldo, a Cuban port, last Tues... ...day. No mention is made of the surviv... ...ors or prisoners, but it is probable that they ...have been given up, and the war bubble ...burst for the present.

THE NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. ... H. Cheney was confirmed as a bish... ...op of Dr. Cummins' Reformed Episcopal ...Church, in Chicago last Sunday, in Christ ...Church, of which Mr. Cheney is rector. ...The church was filled at an early hour, ...and several clergymen of the Prot. Epis. ...Church took part in the ceremonies.

From Chicago, Bishop Cummins went to Peoria, Illinois, on invitation of Rev. A. G. Tyng, to organize a Reformed Church in that city.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR AGASSIZ.—The ...Scientific world has sustained a great loss ...in the death of Prof. Louis R. Agassiz, ...the celebrated geologist and scientist, ...which occurred at his home in Cambridge, ...Mass. last Sunday night.

Prof. Agassiz was a native of Switzerland, ...where he was born in the year 1807. He ...came to this country in 1846. He is well ...known to the people of America by his ...labors in the cause of science.

PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION.—At the special election held for the purpose, on Tuesday, the people of Pennsylvania voted by a majority of more than 100,000 to ratify the new constitution prepared by the recent Convention. Even ring-ridden Philadelphia gave over 34,000 majority in its favor.

This is looked upon as a great triumph in favor of law, order and impartial elections. The power of the Radical rings is broken, and, henceforth, more honesty in the elections may be expected.

DEATH OF JUDGE NELSON.—Hon. Samuel Nelson, ex-judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, died suddenly at his residence in Cooperstown, N. Y., last Saturday afternoon.

Judge Nelson was born at Hebron, N. Y., on the 10th of November 1792, and was, in consequence, over 81 years old at the time of his death. He was admitted to the Bar of New York in 1817; was an associate judge of the different courts of that State from 1823 to 1837, when he was made Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State. In 1845 he was appointed to a seat on the Supreme Bench of the United States by President Tyler, and held the position till the latter part of 1872, when he resigned, being over the age required to entitle him to honorable retirement, having, during his long service discharged the duties of his office with such marked ability and impartiality as to command the respect and admiration of the entire country.

THE ICE LABORERS.—A large mass ...meeting of working men and women was ...held in Cooper's Institute, New York, last ...night for the purpose of considering the ...question of devising means by which the ...starving and unemployed laborers of that ...city can obtain work for the coming win... ...Reports submitted to the meet... ...ing estimated that there are upward ...of 100,000 unemployed laborers in the ...City of New York, large numbers of whom ...are industrious and industrious men. ...After a large exhibit, It shows to some ...extent the effect of the great financial pan... ...ic following closing of the country. ...Strong resolutions were made, and resolutions a... ...dopted denouncing the willingness of the ...rich to labor, and demanding em... ...ployment of the poor. An "Ad... ...dress to the People of the United States" ...was adopted, setting forth the... ...and requesting, as a reme... ...dy, that

A LETTER MISSING ROUND.—John A. Hinkner, in charge of the Dead Letter Office in Washington, has been arrested on the charge of stealing money from letters, and held to bail in the sum of $5000. The arrest of this moral office-holder was a surprise to he had always borne a good reputation and was much respected by his official associates. To us it is no matter of surprise at any time to hear of an office holder under the Administration being guilty of appropriating the funds of the Government. With the example of the President attaching his signature to a bill allowing members of Congress to appropriate over a million of dollars of the public treasure to their own use, in order to double his own salary, and the re-election to office of a set of thieving scoundrels, who would be the right men in the right place if their necks were fastened in our Delaware pillory and their backs bared to the cat o'nine-tails of the sheriff, who under the Credit Mobilier scheme obtained, through fraudulent means, appropriations for "Public Works" from the U. S. Treasury and lined their own pockets with them. With such examples as these it is no wonder or surprise to us that Government officials are guilty of dishonesty. It would be more a matter of surprise if one could be found who has held office long and retained his integrity. Day after day, week after week, the columns of our daily journals contain announcements of the discovery of great frauds in government offices until the thing seems to have become chronic, and scarcely provokes comment, yet with all these showings up of villainy the Radicals continue the threadbare croaking a bout "reform." With almost daily exposures of rascality and thieving by some of the *very best* and most trusted of their party's appointees, their organs, with an effrontery equalled only by that of Satan in presenting himself before the Almighty among the "Sons of God," continue to call the Republican party the party of Reform and Morality. The Lord deliver us from any more of their reform in Delaware than we have had manifested to us by Lewis, Dunn and Dougherty.

Proceedings of Congress.

In the Senate on Monday, Mr. Morton, from committee on privileges and elections, reported that the committee were equally divided as to the respective rights of Messrs. McMillan and Pinchback, from Louisiana, and asking that the matter be determined by the Senate, which was agreed to, and the subject of admitting Pinchback will be taken up by the Senate to day. Mr. Sherman, from finance committee, reported House bill for redemption of loan of 1858, with amendments, which were agreed to and the bill passed. The bill had previously passed the House. The subject of specie resumption was laid over, and pending the consideration of the bill authorizing national banks without circulation, the Senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

In the House a greater number of bills were introduced under the Monday call than on any previous occasion this session. The subject of cutting down the estimates for the next year, reduction of expenditures, and possibility of another tax on tea, coffee, tobacco and spirits were discussed. Finally, in view of the financial embarrassment of the country, the shrinkage of values, and the heavy fall off of government revenues, it was resolved, to call upon the President to order a revision of the estimates by the executive departments to the lowest figure, and report, if possible on the 5th of January. The House then resolved to take a recess from the 29th inst. until January 4th, and at 4.40 P. M. adjourned for the day.

In the Senate on Tuesday an adverse report was made from the finance commitee on the bill authorizing part payment of import duties in legal-tenders, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. The House bill was reported from committee, appropriating four millions of dollars to the navy. Mr. Morton giving notice that he would call it up to day. The question of the admission of Pinchback as Senator from Louisiana was discussed without action.

The House passed the bill repealing the bankrupt law, but providing for closing up pending suits under the existing law at one half the costs heretofore allowed. The vote was yeas 220 nays 44. Under the Orth instructions the special committee on the salary repeal reported a bill fixing the salaries of Senators and Representatives at $5,500 a year, and actual traveling expenses going and returning from Congress once each session, leaving other salaries untouched. An amendment offered by Mr. Kasson was adoted (yeas 172 nays 77.) providing for the return of back pay received by members for the Forty-third Congress since March 4. Pending further action the House adjourned. There was a good deal of filibustering.

In the Senate on Wednesday on motion of Mr. Edmunds the House bill to repeal the bankrupt law was referred to the committee on the judiciary. The House bill appropriating four millions to the navy, called up by Mr. Morrill, evoked animated debate, but was passed by a large majority with an amendment striking out the clause conferring the authority on the President to transfer an appropriation from one Bureau to another. Adjourned.

In the House the considerations of the salary bill and proposed amendments caused protracted discussion. Mr. Hurlbert offered an amendment, as a substitute for the whole bill, fixing the salary of members of Congress at $5,000 per annum, and the salaries of the President, Vice President, Cabinet officers, Judges of the Supreme Court, Foreign Ministers, Chief Clerks of Departments, Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, Register, Comptroller, Auditors, Solicitor, Librarian, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Commissioner of Patents, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Commissioner of Customs, Commissioner of Navigation, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Railroads, Commissioner of Pensions, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Commissioner of Public Lands, Commissioner of Immigration, Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, Commissioner of Labor Statistics

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Nov 29–3t. **E. B. RICE.**

MARKET HOUSE.

The undersigned would respectfully announce to the public and the citizens of Middletown particularly that he has taken the store-house on North Broad street, Middletown, Del., formerly occupied by David W. Eliason, having bought out his interest, where I will keep always on hand a well-selected stock of choice Groceries, Fruits, and Provisions, as well as a full supply of fresh Vegetables. Also, Fresh and Salt Meat, sliced, at all times. I will also keep an assortment of the

VERY BEST GROCERIES,

at very low prices. My stock will consist of the very best articles that the market can afford, and will give entire satisfaction to the most fastidious epicure. I will keep on hand a supply of Sauces of all kinds, viz: Ketchup, Celery, Horse-Radish. Canned Fruits of all kinds at low prices. Call and see and you will be satisfied. All kinds of Produce bought and satisfaction guaranteed. I will also buy all kinds of Poultry at market prices for cash, and it will be to the interest of all to call on me before selling or purchasing elsewhere. Goods delivered free of charge.

Oct 11–1y S. S. HOLTEN.

THE OLD BANK

THAT NEVER SUSPENDS.

We Always Pay Depositors.

OYSTERS ALL THE TIME.

On and after Friday, Sept. 26, we shall be prepared to furnish Oysters

In and Out of the Shell,

By the Gallon, Quart, or Hundred. We have also made arrangements for the accommodation

Of both Ladies and Gentlemen,

And their orders for

STEWS, FRIES, &c.,

Will be promptly attended to. Mr. Wm. Kates will have charge of the Oyster Department, and his well-known reputation in the oyster business, we feel certain, will give entire satisfaction to all.

CAKES OF ALL KINDS

supplied for parties at short notice.

Foreign and Domestic Fruits.

GIVE US A CALL.

Oct 4–1y. E. B. RICE,

Main St. Middletown, Del.

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

First-Class Boarding and Day School.

FACULTY:

HUDSON A. WOOD, A. M., - - PRINCIPAL.
MRS. MARY WOOD,
MISS ELLA R. DAY,
MISS ACHSA M. GAZLAY, } Assistants.

WINTER TERM BEGINS DEC. 8TH.

For full information relating to the school, send for a catalogue. Nov 22–1y.

FARM FOR RENT.

THE Farm now occupied by Geo. W. Warren in Appoquinimink Hd., adjoining Taylor's Bridge, is for rent. Good recommendation will be required. As to ability and means to carry on the farm, apply to EUGENE ROGERS,

Dec 6–3t. New Castle, Del.

Dry Goods and Groceries.

Popular Goods at Popular Prices.

S. M. Reynolds,

NO. 1 COCHRAN SQUARE,

Is now offering new goods direct from the manufacturers and jobbers, at the lowest

PANIC PRICES FOR CASH.

In addition to our usually large stock of Goods, we have just received

REDINGOTH GOODS,

In Fashionable Cloth Colors,

ALL-WOOL MERINOS AND CASHMERES in the new cloth shades,

CLOTHS,

COATINGS AND CASSIMERES

Job lots of Cassimeres from 40c, upwards.

KERSEYS,

12 TO 14 OUNCES, 75 CENTS TO $1.

A full assortment of Gents' Merino Vests and Drawers, from 50 cents upwards;

Ladies', Misses and Children's Merino Vests and Drawers, all sizes;

WHITE GOODS, LINENS,

AND FELT SKIRTS.

A LARGE LOT OF ALL WOOL 10–4

BLANKETS,

$4.00, $5.00, AND $6.00.

Our stock of Boots

Has never been equalled in this town. Prices, $3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00. We would call special attention to our 16 and 18-inch leg homemade STOGA BOOTS; also,

French Kip Primes and French Calf.

300 PAIRS LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES,

Just received from the manufacturers. Our stock

OF GROCERIES

Is full and complete.

PRICES LOW, AS THE LOWEST

We invite buyers who are in search of

NEW FALL STYLES,

to call on us and examine the largest stock in the State south of Wilmington. And bear in mind the fact that we still adhere to the system which we inaugurated of

DISCOUNTING ALL CASH SALES,

ON DRY GOODS 10 PER CENT.
" GROCERIES 5 " "

Nov. 7–tf.

To The Public.

YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO

CALL AND EXAMINE

THE

LARGEST STOCK

OF

GOODS

EVER BROUGHT TO OUR TOWN,

COMPRISING

ALL KINDS

THAT ARE KEPT IN A

First Class Country Store.

DO NOT FAIL TO CALL BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE, AS WE WILL MAKE IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.

RESPECTFULLY,

W. H. MOORE & CO.,

Oct 25–tf. MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Dry Goods and Groceries.

Great Bargains!

New Fall and Winter Stock

AT CASH PRICES.

Dress Goods of various styles at a discount of 10 per cent. from cash prices. Alpacas, Reps, Delaines, &c. Gentlemen's Wear,

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES,

And Satinets, all-wool and cotton-warp Kerseys from 45 to 90 cents per yard.

Blankets, Comfortables, Coverlids,

Lap Robes, Horse Covers, Home-made Kersey Suits, men's and boys' Overcoats and

READY MADE CLOTHING,

Gum Overcoats,

Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes,

Gum Boots, Overshoes and Arctics, men's Fur Gloves, Caps and Capes, Ladies' Sable and Ermine Muffs,

CARPETS.

All-wool ingrain Cottage, Stair and Hemp Carpets from 25 to 90 cts. per yard. Oil Cloth Suits, Buck Gauntlets, Gloves, and Mitts.

GUNS, PISTOLS AND CARTRIDGES,

Wads, Tubes, Shrews, Rod Heads, Washrods, Ramrods, Flasks, and Shot Pouches.

Buyers will please call and examine our goods as we are determined to sell CHEAP.

S. R. STEPHENS & CO.,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

Nov. 29–tf.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber would call the attention of the public to his

Large and Well-Selected Stock of

GOODS,

Consisting in part of

DRY GOODS,

NOTIONS, GROCERIES, BOOTS,

Shoes, Hats, Hardware,

Queensware, Wood and Willow Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware.

FISH, MEATS, &c.

And everything usually kept in a

FIRST CLASS COUNTRY STORE,

All of which have been selected with care, and will be

SOLD AT PRICES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMES.

Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere

NO CHARGE

FOR SHOWING GOODS.

Charles Tatman Jr.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

apr. 9—tf

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

A GREAT SACRIFICE OF

Dry Goods

At SCOWDRICK & ELIASON'S

IN order to close out our large stock of Summer goods we will offer our entire stock of

DRESS GOODS, CASSIMERES, COTTON GOODS, LINENS, &c.,

AT COST, FOR CASH.

Having on hand all the latest styles and makes of Dress Goods, both Domestic and Imported, we can offer inducements that cannot be surpassed in any other store. We have in stock a full line of

WHITE GOODS,

Such as

PIQUES, VICTORIA LAWNS, SWISS, NAINSOOK CAMBRIC, LINEN LAWNS, LINENS, &c.,

all of which will be sold *at cost for cash.* The above described goods are being closed out to make room for fall trade, and will be sold at

A GREAT SACRIFICE.

Those wanting Summer Dress Goods can now secure great bargains. Call, and see for yourselves at

SCOWDRICK & ELIASON'S,

July 12–tf. MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Send for self-measurement circular.

J. P. DOUGHERTY,

[illegible] 410 Market St. Wilmington, Del.

Delaware Rail Road Line.

Fall Arrangement.

On and after Monday, Oct. 20th, 1873, (Sundays excepted,) Trains will leave as follows:

NORTH.	A. M.	P. M.	SOUTH.	A. M.	P. M.
Delmar		12 00	Philadelphia	8 30	5 15
Leaud		12 15	Baltimore	7 25	2 55
Seaford	6 50	12 34	Wilmington	10 10	6 35
Bridgeville	6 48	12 52	New Castle	10 30	6 54
Greenwood	6 58	1 03	State Road	10 35	7 00
Farmington	7 08	1 15	Bear,	10 45	7 08
Harrington	7 25	1 30	Rodney	10 50	7 12
Felton	7 36	1 46	Kirkwood	10 57	7 20
Canterbury	7 43	1 53	Mt. Pleasant	11 07	7 31
Woodside	7 49	2 00	Middletown	11 25	7 51
Wyoming	7 56	2 09	Townsend	11 34	8 07
Camden	8 03	2 20	Blackbird	11 54	8 08
Smyrna	8 14	2 21	Green Spring	11 58	8 11
Brenford	8 21	2 39	Clayton	11 55	8 27
Smyrna	8 05	2 30	Smyrna, arrive	12 10	8 37
Clayton	8 29	2 49	Brenford	12 01	8 24
Green Spring	8 34	2 55	Moorton	12 09	8 34
Blackbird	8 43	3 05	Dover	12 24	8 46
Townsend	8 51	3 14	Wyoming	12 32	8 54
Middletown	9 09	3 33	Woodside	12 40	9 02
Mt. Pleasant	9 19	3 43	Canterbury	12 45	9 07
Kirkwood	9 29	3 54	Felton	12 50	9 13
Rodney	9 33	3 59	Harrington	1 07	9 29
Bear	9 41	4 06	Farmington	1 18	9 38
State Road	9 45	4 10	Greenwood	1 26	9 49
N. Castle	9 55	4 20	Bridgeville	1 37	10 00
ARRIVE.			Seaford	1 18	10 18
Wilmington	10 18	3 55	Laurel	2 12	
Philada.	11 45	5 25	Delmar	2 25	
Baltimore	P. M. 1 05	8 10			

MIXED TRAIN,—Northward, will leave Delmar at 2 45 P. M.; Laurel 3.12; Seaford, 3.43; Bridgeville, 4.20; Greenwood, 4.40; Farmington 4.55; Harrington, 5.20; Dover, 6.34; Clayton, 7.21; Middletown, 8.20. Arrive at Wilmington, 9.55; Philadelphia, 11.30; Baltimore, 3.50, P. M.

Southward, will leave Phila. at 11.30 P. M. Baltimore, 7.30; Wilmington, 12. 55; New Castle, 1.20; Middletown, 2.28; Townsend, 2.45; Clayton, 3.18; Dover 4.00; Wyoming, 4.12; Felton, 4.40; Harrington, 5.05; Farmington, 5.17; Greenwood, 5.32; Bridgeville, 5.50; Seaford, 6.17; Laurel, 6.40; Delmar, 7.00.

The mixed train will be run subject to delays incident to freight business, and will stop only at stations where time is given.

NEW CASTLE TRAINS.

Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 7.40, A. M. and 6.25 P. M. Leave Wilmington at 1.25 and 8.50 P. M. for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.

Additional to those above, leave Smyrna for Clayton 11.30 A. M. and 7.35 P. M. leave Clayton for Smyrna 8.40 A. M., and 2.00 P. M., leave to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations south.

CONNECTIONS.

At Townsend, with the Kent County and Queen Anne's & Kent Railroads. At Clayton, with Md. and Del. R. R. At Harrington with J. & B. R. R. At Seaford, with Dorcester and Delaware R. R. At Delmar, with Eastern Shore R. R., and Wicomico and Pocomoke R. R.

May 20—1y H. F. KENNEY, Superintendent.

For SASSAFRAS RIVER.

THE steamer "TRUMPETER" being now in complete order, will resume her trips on Saturday, the 1st of March, 1873, leaving Pier No. 5, Light street wharf, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10½ A. M., arriving in Georgetown at 4 P. M. Returning will leave Georgetown the alternate days at 8 A. M., arriving in Baltimore at 2 P. M.; touching at Buck Neck, Barnards, Betterton, Turner's Creek, Cassidays, Shallcross, and Fredericktown, going and returning.

We sincerely trust that the friendly relations hitherto existing between the steamer Trumpeter, her patrons, and the public generally, may never grow less; for the perpetuation of which we will ever be found striving our very best.

mar 1—1y WM. CUNDIFF, Capt.

Hotels, &c.

ODESSA HOTEL,

ODESSA, ELAWARE.

HAVING recently leased and refurnished this old established Hotel, I am prepared to accomodate the traveling public and permanent boarders in good style and at reasonable rates.

My bar will always be supplied with choice wines, liquors, tobacco and segars.

Odessa, from its pleasant location on Appoquinimink Creek and its wide, shady streets, and its vicinity to the great peach district, offers special advantages as a summer retreat from the heat of the cities.

By strict attention to business and the comfort of my guests, I hope to merit a liberal share of the public patronage. B. F. LIPPINCOTT.

Aug. 16—6mos.

NATIONAL HOTEL,

Opposite R. R. Depot,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

HAVING taken the above well-known house, I am prepared to accommodate my friends and the public generally in first-class style and at reasonable rates.

The Bar will always be supplied with the choicest Wines, Liquors and Segars.

Patronage solicited. JACKSON BRIANT, PROPRIETOR, Formerly of Davis' Hotel, Phila.

Oct 11—6m

NEW HOTEL

At Townsend, Del.

TOWNSEND HOUSE,

OPEN June 1st. 1872, will accommodate the travelling public and permanent boarders at very reasonable rates. The bar will at all times be stocked with choice wines, liquors, Tobacco and Segars. Fine oysters in season. Hoping by strict attention to business to merit a liberal, share of the public patronage generally.

JAMES C. TOWNSEND, Proprietor.

June 8—1y.

E. D. BROWN,

SUCCESSOR TO

BROWN & GALLIGHER

IMPORTERS OF

FINE BRANDIES, WINES, GINS, &C.

AND DEALERS IN

RYE WHEAT, AND BOURBON WHISKEY,

No. 11 South 9th Street, Philadelphia.

[illegible] JOHN SIX. J. C. HUST.

[illegible]RAN, NIX & CO.,

WHOLESALE

[illegible]ION MERCHANTS,

IN

[illegible]S AND PRODUCE,

[illegible] STREET, N. Y.

[illegible] and New Year a Specimen Copy of the present issue of the [illegible] is at least three days

Dec 18—1y.

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Periodicals.

Prospectus for 1874—Seventh Year.

THE ALDINE,

An Illustrated Monthly Journal, universally admitted to be the Handsomest Periodical in the world. A Representative and Champion of American Taste.

Not for Sale in Book or News Stores.

The Aldine, while issued with the regularity, has none of the temporary or timely interest characteristic of ordinary periodicals. It is an elegant miscellany of pure, light and graceful literature; and a collection of pictures, the rarest specimens of artistic skill, in black and white.—Although each succeeding number affords a fresh pleasure to its friends, the real value and beauty of *The Aldine* will be most appreciated after it has been bound up at the close of the year. While other publications may claim superior cheapness, as compared with rivals of a smaller class, *The Aldine* is a unique and original conception—alone and unapproached—absolutely without competition in price or character. The possessor of a complete volume cannot duplicate the quantity of fine pader and engravings in any other shape or number of volumes for ten times its cost; and then, there are the chromos, besides!

ART DEPARTMENT, 1874.

The illustrations of *The Aldine* have won a world-wide reputation, and in the art centres of Europe it is an admitted fact that its wood cuts are examples of the highest perfection ever attained. The common prejudice in favor of "steel plates," is rapidly yielding to a more educated and discriminating taste which recognizes the advantages of superior artistic quality with greater facility of production. The wood-cuts of *The Aldine* possess all the delicacy and elaborate finish of the most costly steel plate, while they afford a better rendering of the artist's original.

To fully realize the wonderful work which *The Aldine* is doing for the cause of art culture in America, it is only necessary to consider the cost to the people of any other decent representations of the productions of great painters.

In addition to designs by the members of the National Academy, and other noted American artists, *The Aldine* will reproduce examples of the best foreign masters, selected with a view to the highest artistic success and greatest general interest. Thus the subscriber to *The Aldine* will, at a trifling cost, enjoy in his own home the pleasures and refining influences of true art.

The quarterly tinted plates for 1874 will be by Thos. Moran and J. D. Woodward.

The Christmas issue for 1874 will contain special designs appropriate to the season, by our best artists, and will surpass in attractions any of its predecessors.

Premium for 1874.

Every subscriber to *The Aldine* for the year 1874 will receive a pair of chromos. The original pictures were painted in oil for the publishers of *The Aldine*, by Thomas Moran, whose great Colorado picture was purchased by Congress for ten thousand dollars. The subjects were chosen to represent "The East" and "The West." One is a view in The White Mountains, New Hampshire; the other gives the Cliffs of Green River, Wyoming Territory. The difference in the nature of the scenes themselves is a pleasing contrast, and affords a good display of the artist's scope and coloring. The chromos are each worked from thirty distinct plates, and are in size (12 x 16) and appearance exact fac-similies of the originals. The presentation of a worthy example of America's greatest landscape painter to the subscribers of *The Aldine* was a bold but peculiarly happy idea, and the successful realization is attested by the following testimonial, over the signature of Mr. Moran himself:

NEWARK, N. J., Sept, 20th, 1873.

Messrs. JAMES SUTTON & Co., *Gentlemen*,—I am delighted with the proofs in color of your chromos. They are wonderfully successful representations by mechanical process of the original paintings. Very respectfully,

(Signed,) THOS. MORAN.

These chromos are in every sense American. They are by an original American process, with material of American manufacture, from designs of American scenery by an American painter, and presented to subscribers to the first successful American Art Journal. If no better because of all this, they will certainly possess an interest no foreign production can inspire, and neither are they any the worse if by reason of peculiar facilities of production they cost the publishers only a trifle, while equal in every respect to other chromos that are sold singly for double the subscription price of *The Aldine*. Persons of taste will prize these pictures for themselves—not for the price they did or did not cost, and will appreciate the enterprise that renders their distribution possible. If any subscriber should indicate a preference for a figure subject, the publishers will send "Thoughts of Home," a new and beautiful chromo, 14 x 20 inches, representing a little Italian exile whose speaking eyes betray the longings of his heart.

TERMS.—$5 per annum, in advance, with Oil Chromos free. For 50 Cents Extra, the chromos will be sent, mounted, varnished, and prepaid by mail.

The Aldine will, hereafter, be obtainable only by subscription. There will be no reduced or club rate. Cash for subscriptions must be sent to the publishers direct, or handed to the local canvasser, *without responsibility to the publishers*, except in cases where the certificate is given, bearing the fac-simile signature of James Sutton & Co.

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JAMES SUTTON & CO., Publishers,
Nov 22. 58 Maiden Lane, New York.

THE SUN.

WEEKLY, SEMI-WEEKLY, AND DAILY.

THE WEEKLY SUN is too widely known to require any extended recommendation; but the reasons which have already given it fifty thousand subscribers, and which will, we hope, give it many thousands more, are briefly as follows:

It is a first-rate newspaper. All the news of the day will be found in it, condensed when unimportant, at full length when of moment, and always presented in a clear, intelligible, and interesting manner.

It is a first-rate family paper, full of entertaining and instructive reading of every kind, but containing nothing that can offend the most delicate and scrupulous taste.

It is a first-rate story paper. The best tales and romances of current literature are carefully selected and legibly printed in its pages.

It is a first-rate agricultural paper. The most fresh and instructive articles on agricultural topics regularly appear in this department.

It is an independent political paper, belonging to no party and wearing no collar. It fights for principle, and for the election of the best men to office. It especially devotes its energies to the exposure of the great corruptions that now weaken and disgrace our country, and threaten to undermine republican institutions altogether. It has no fear of knaves, and asks no favors from their supporters.

If reports the fashions for the ladies and the markets for the men, especially the cattle markets, to which it pays particular attention.

Finally, it is the cheapest paper published.—One dollar a year will secure it for any subscriber. It is not necessary to get up a club, in order to have THE WEEKLY SUN at this rate. Any one who sends a single dollar will get the paper for a year. We have no travelling agents.

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THE DAILY SUN.—A large four-page newspaper of twenty-eight columns. Daily circulation over 120,000. All the news for 5 cents. Subscription price 45 cents a month, or $5.00 a year. To clubs of 10 or over, a discount of 25 per cent. Address, "THE SUN," New York City.

Nov 1-4t.

Periodicals.

"Unquestionably the best sustained work of the kind in the World."

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

Notices of the Press.

The ever-increasing circulation of this excellent monthly proves its continued adaptation to popular desires and needs. Indeed, when we think into how many homes it penetrates every month, we must consider it as one of the educators as well as entertainers of the public mind, for its vast popularity has been won by no appeal to stupid prejudices or depraved tastes.—*Boston Globe.*

The character which this *Magazine* possesses for variety, enterprise, artistic wealth, and literary culture that has kept pace with, if it has not led the times, should cause its conductors to regard it with justifiable complacency. It also entitles them to a great claim upon the public gratitude. The *Magazine* has done good and not evil all the days of its life.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—1874.

TERMS.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, one year.....$4 00

$4 00 includes prepayment of U. S. postage by the publishers.

Subscriptions to HARPER'S MAGAZINE, WEEKLY, and BAZAR, to one address for one year, $10 00; or, two of Harper's Periodicals, to one address for one year, $7 00; postage payable by the subscriber at the office where received.

An extra copy of either the MAGAZINE, WEEKLY, or BAZAR will be supplied gratis for every club of five subscribers at $4 00 each, in one remittance; or, six copies for $20 00, without extra copy: postage payable by the subscribers at the offices where received.

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A Complete Set of HARPER'S MAGAZINE, now comprising 47 Volumes, in neat cloth binding, will be sent by express, freight at expense of purchaser, for $2 25 per volume. Single volumes, by mail, postpaid, $3 00. Cloth cases, for binding, 58 cents, by mail, postpaid.

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Nov15-6t HARPER & BROTHERS, New York.

"A complete pictorial History of the times." "The best cheapest, and most successful Family Paper in the Union."

HARPER'S WEEKLY.

SPLENDIDLY ILLUSTRATED.

Notices of the Press.

The *Weekly* is the ablest and most powerful illustrated periodical published in this country. Its editorials are scholarly and convincing, and carry much weight. Its illustrations of current events are full and fresh, and are prepared by our best designers. With a circulation of 150,000, the *Weekly* is read by at least half a million persons, and its influence as an organ of opinion is simply tremendous. The *Weekly* maintains a positive position, and expresses decided views on political and social problems.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—1874.

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An extra copy of either the Magazine, Weekly, or Bazar will be supplied gratis for every Club of five subscribers at $4 00 each, in one remittance; or, Six Copies for $20 00, without extra copy: postage payable by the subscribers at the offices where received.

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The postage on Harper's Bazar is 20 cents a year, which must be paid at the subscribers post office. Address

No 22—6t. HARPER & BROTHERS, New York.

THE AMERICAN FARMER

Begins a new volume January 1. This is an old established standard Farmers' paper, devoted to agriculture and its interests. Special attention is paid—besides that given to the staple crops, artificial and home-made manures, &c.,—to Live Stock, Fruit Growing, the Dairy, &c. Some of the ablest of American agriculturists write for it. It is *PRACTICAL, SUBSTANTIAL, RELIABLE.* $1.50 a year. To clubs of five or more only $1 each. Very liberal and handsome premiums for clubs. Last three numbers of '73 free to all new names received before Dec. 31. Specimen Numbers free. Agents wanted everywhere. SAML. SANDS & SON,

No 22—tf. Publishers, Baltimore, Md.

M. E. DICKSON,

No. 35½ SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

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DEALER IN

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SOLID STERLING

Silver and Plated Ware

Suitable for Holiday Presents.

N. B.—Fine selection of 18 Kt. Wedding Rings on Hand.

Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles to suit all sights.

Periodicals.

1874. 1874.

The World.

The great Democratic victories in New York Ohio, Maryland and Virginia, the startling Republican defeats in Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois, foreshadow the election of a Democratic Congress in 1874, and the election of a Democratic President in 1876.

The secret of the triumph already won has been steadfast adherence to the organization, unflinching fidelity to the principles of the Democratic party. *The World* has been faithful to its trust. When faint hearts talked of a spoiled party, a dead party, a new party, it bore aloft the flag of the historic, indomitable Democratic party. That flag, inscribed with the legends of Free Trade and Farmers' Rights, Hard Money, and no Monopolies,—the Democrats of Ohio and New York carried to a glorious victory, subverting Grant majorities of 57,000 and 51,000.

A new career now opens before the Democracy—more beneficent than its past career, identified though that be with the founding of the republic, its expansion across the continent, its half century of prosperity and peace.

The open secret of its future, as of its past and present triumphs, is still a steadfast adherence to the organization, an unflinching fidelity to the principles of the Democratic party—principles never so needful as now to be applied throughout our National, State and Municipal life to heal the wounds and demoralization of war, to stop corrupt and profligate expenditure, to limit and localize powers entrusted to the people's servants, to liberate our industries from the fetters of a barbarous Tariff, our trade from the fluctuations of an irredeemable paper Currency, and our agriculture from the double plundering of both, as well as to repair the wide-spread financial ruin wrought by the fiscal policy of the Republican party. The duty of *The World* in this onward march of the Democratic hosts to victory, is the dissemination of political truth. Our work will be fruitful in proportion as *The World* is widely read.

We ask Democrats everywhere to aid us in scattering the good seed broadcast over the whole land during the period so important to the coming harvests. Where or how can any Democrat work so efficiently for the diffusion of the principles of his party, and their triumph at the ballot-box in '74 and '76, as by procuring new readers for *The World*, now?

As a vehicle of news, *The World* will spare no expense, no energy, to maintain and advance its place in the first rank of metropolitan journals. Its fresh, abundant, various and accurate news, comprising the whole circle of current intelligence, will be discussed as becomes Trustworthy Organs of Opinion, with candor, with steady devotion to sound public and private morals, with special knowledge for special themes, and with various and wide-reaching apprehension of the manifold interests of men and women in their homes, their market-places, their workshops and their farms.

THE WEEKLY WORLD is our great edition (Wednesday) for the country. It contains:

1. The latest prices (telegraped from all the markets of the United States) of live stock, country produce, general produce of every kind, and of money, stocks, and freights in New York and Europe.
2. The farmers' page, with all the doings of the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, letters from practical farmers, and scientific discussion on profitable farming.
3. A page for the family circle, of lively and pure reading.
4. One or two first-rate novels during the year.
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AGENT FOR

DeVINNY'S SPECTACLES.

Dec. 13—tf.

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THE undersigned, heretofore doing business under the name of E. Jefferson & Son, has this day entered into co-partnership with George W. Morrison, under the firm name of W. E. JEFFERSON & CO., for the transaction of the grain and general shipping business.

E. JEFFERSON.

New Castle, Del., [illegible]

Wilmington Advertisements.

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Apr 22—1y 228 MARKET ST. Wilmington, Del.

Register's Orders.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE,
New Castle County, Oct. 10th, 1873.

Upon the application of William W. Thomas, administrator of John Thomas, late of Appoquinimink Hundred in said County, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

L. S. B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Administrator on or before October 10th, 1874, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. WM. W. THOMAS,

ADDRESS—North East, Md. *Administrator.*
Oct 18—2mos

Register's Order.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
New Castle County, November 21st, 1873.

Upon the application of Edward W. Lockwood, Executor of Alexander A. Laws, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted, within forty days from the date of such Letters, in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle requiring all persons having demands against the Estate, to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT a newspaper published in Middletown and to be continued therein two months.

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B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Executor on or before November 21st, 1874, or abide an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

E. W. LOCKWOOD, Executor.

Nov 29—2m. ADDRESS—Middletown, Del.

AKERMAN & MALMSTEŃ,

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WAREROOMS,

No. 211 SHIPLEY Street,

(IN D. H. KENT'S NEW BUILDING,)

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Making up and laying of carpets, matting and oil cloth; spring and hair mattresses; furniture covered and repaired; lambrequins, draperies and window decorations, and all belonging to the business attended to.

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To the Public.

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Jan. 4—1y. WM. W. WILSON.

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One Prize	$5,000	Greenbacks!
Six Prizes	$1,000	
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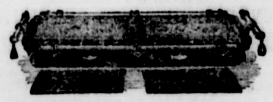
MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, Box 86,
161 W. FIFTH St. CINCINNATI, O.

Nov. 22—1y.

FURNITURE.

UNDERTAKING.

UPHOLSTERING.



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Walnut and Other Furniture,

which he will sell very cheap for cash. Buying at wholesale cash rates he feels assured that he can sell as low as the same goods can be bought elsewhere. By buying of him purchasers will be saved the freight on their goods from the city.

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The Corpse may be dressed in the finest fabrics and not be soiled, (and can be seen at all times) as nothing but dry cold air enters the Casket.

GEORGE W. WILSON,
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Feb1—12m Middletown Del.

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Feb 8—1y

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Nov 22—3w

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Nov 29—4w

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Ready-made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Oct 4—3m